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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following comments are in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowability dated June 6, 2005.

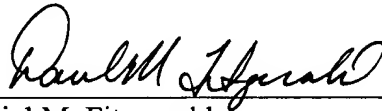
Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance because such statement may have unintentionally introduced some ambiguities in what was otherwise a very concise and thorough examination of the Claims of this patent application.

The Examiner notes in the Reasons for Allowance that the "prior art taken alone or in combination failed to teach or suggest functions of combining the tranches with historical asset performance data of at least one of a buying or selling party, other market and underwriting and performing at least one of a NPV, an IRR and a time to profit analysis on the tranches as recited in independent claims 1, 11 and 21." While Applicants believe that the claims are allowable, Applicants do not acquiesce that patentability resides in these features recited in the Reasons for Allowance. Rather, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are allowable because the independent claims recite the above-noted recitation in combination with other recitations included in the independent claims.

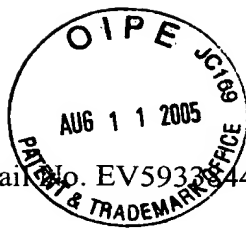
Also, reasons for allowance are only warranted in instances in which the record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear the Examiner's reasons for allowing a claim or

claims (see 37 CFR §1.104(e)). In the present case, Applicants believe the record as a whole does make the reasons for allowance clear and therefore no statement by the Examiner is necessary or warranted.

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TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Enclosed are Fourteen (14) Replacement Sheets of Formal Drawings for the above-referenced patent application. No new matter has been added.

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